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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): AN ASSEMBLY OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND AT LEAST ONE PANEL, INTENDED
IN PARTICULAR FOR USE IN OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND INSTALLATIONS

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- Formal drawings (Figs. 1-8; 3 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure 3 for front page of Publication.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- This patent application is assigned to COMPAGNIE PLASTICS OMNIUM.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Priority of foreign application No. 02 09339 filed July 23, 2002 in France is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
- This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee
	\$ 375
x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+ 140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

**OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY**

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OR		\$ 750
OR	x 18	\$
OR	x 84	\$
OR	+ 280	\$
OR	TOTAL	\$ 750

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